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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: DOCUMENTS FOR COLOMBO

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ASKED PARA FIVE REFTEL CONCERNING PROCESS FOR REVISION OF DECLARATION FOR COLOMBO SUMMIT, FSFA COUNSELOR FOR NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS STATED FOLLOWING JUL 20. COMMENTS ON DRAFT DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED BOTH IN NEW YORK AND TO SRI LANKANS. LATTER HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING THEM AND PRODUCING NEW DRAFT DOCUMENTS WHICH INCORPORATE THESE COMMENTS. YUGOSLAVS HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR AMENDMENTS BUT BELIEVE NOT ALL OTHERS HAVE DONE SO YET. THEY EXPECT TO RECEIVE SRI LANKAN REDRAFTS WELL BEFORE THE MEETING OF EXPERTS IN COLOMBO WHICH BEGINS AUG 9. THE NEXT STAGE WILL BE FOR THESE EXPERTS TO CONSIDER DECLARATIONS.

2. COUNSELOR COMMENTED THAT SRI LANKAN DRAFT WAS "VERY MODERATE, PERHAPS EVEN TOO MODERATE". HE NOTED THAT IN PAST NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS LANGUAGE FOR DECLARATIONS WAS DISCUSSED ONLY AT THE LAST MINUTE WHICH GAVE MAJOR ADVVANTAGE TO MOST EXTREME ELEMENTS. THIS TIME HE SAID
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THE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS,

THAT NON-ALIGNED REALIZED THEIR INCREASED INFLUENCE
IMPOSED A NEW OBLIGATION UPON THEM TO PRODUCE RESPONSIBLE
TEXT. TO COMMENT THAT THIS MEANS U.S. SHOULD AND WILL NO LONGER
ACCEPT ARGUMENT OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NON-ALIGNED THAT
SOMETHING GOT BY THEM IN THE RUSH OF EVENTS AND THAT WE
WOULD HOLD THEM RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH SENTENCE, COUNSELOR
RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS A FAIR APPROACH AND THAT DOCUMENT
WOULD BE ONE WHICH YUGOSLAVS COULD DEFEND.

3. EMBASSY HAS MOST RECENTLY RAISED WITH GOY OTHER
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES MENTIONED IN REFTEL IN DISCUSSIONS
REPORTED IN BELGRADE 4706 AND 4508. WE EXPECT GOVERNOR
SCRANTON AGAIN TO RAISE THESE ISSUES IN HIS TALKS WITH
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